Mega Power Plant at Bawana

1124. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some private companies have shown interest to develop a mega power generation plant at Bawana at NCT of Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the names of tne companies who have shown interest to develop this power plant; and

(c) whether Government have already considered the proposal of private firms and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Tata Power Limited have shown their interest to develop a mega power generation plant at Bawana. Also, M/s. BSES have shown interest to develop a mega power generation plant in or near Delhi.

(c) Government of Delhi has to take the decision in the matter.

Privatisation of distribution of power in National Capital

1125. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after privatization of distribution of power in the National Capital even after a year the ground situation remains grim;

(b) whether it is also a fact that distribution reforms in the power sector may lead to a drop in tariff;

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this direction; and

(d) the other measures in the pipeline in order to step up the distribution facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Government of NCT of Delhi/ Delhi Transco Ltd. (DTL) have informed that although some break-downs attributable to the deficiencies in the Delhi system did occur, yet the

position is better as compared to last year because of the improvements that have been made.

(b) and (c) The power sector reform package in Delhi has been so designed that the distribution companies have to achieve specified loss reduction target for five years. In case they over achieve the loss reduction targets, half of the additional profit has to be passed on to the consumers as a rebate in the tariff.

(d) The steps being taken to improve the distribution facilities include augmentation of system, introduction of new billing software and setting up of quick consumer complaint redressal mechanism etc. by the distribution companies on a continuous basis. The augmentation of transmission and distribution system is being monitored by the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC).

Power theft in Delhi

1126. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 55.2 per cent losses due to power theft in Delhi, seven per cent can be attributed to slum dwellers;

(b) whether annual losses due to theft were to the tune of Rs. 1400 crore at the time of privatization;

(c) if so, to what extent these have been reduced so far;

(d) what steps are being taken to reduce the power theft cases; and

(e) whether Government propose to set up special courts to deal such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir. There is no basis for stating either that losses in Delhi are 55.2% or that all the losses are due to power theft or that seven percent can be attributed to slum dwellers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.